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CONNECTICUT ABOUT TO PASS RAILROAD
LEGISLATION THAT HAS BEEN OVERDUE
FOR EIGHT DISASTROUS YEARS

AFTER THE horse is stolen Connecticut locks the door, or, at least, appears to be getting ready to lock it. A statute of the general nature of that now pending before the railroad committee, relating to issues of securities by the New Haven railroad company, had it been passed, say seven years ago, would have saved the public many difficulties, and the stockholders of the corporation more than \$125,000,000.

Had it been passed in any year less than seven, it would have worked a proportionate saving to the stockholders and a proportionate benefit to the public.

Sad to relate, this protective law does not come from an aroused conscience in Connecticut, nor from a shadow of new purpose in the General Assembly.

It comes rather from the fact that the Federal government stands in an attitude of watchful waiting, and that other New England states, especially Massachusetts, are prepared to render futile any licenses given to the New Haven by Connecticut to prey on the rest of New England and on the rest of the country.

It is needless to say to readers of The Farmer that the bill referred to is the substitute for the original bonding bill, which, as offered by President Elliott, would have permitted the New Haven to continue about as it always had.

But the substitute bill includes these (protective) provisions. The company is stripped of most of the broad and improper powers which it obtained under its street railway charter, and by which it was permitted to do almost anything almost anywhere.

Future issues of securities, other than those running less than twelve months, will not be permitted, except after approval by the Public Utilities Commission, following public hearing, and the order granting the power to issue the securities will specify for what the proceeds are to be used. The same practices which brought disaster will not be permitted again except by the express permission of each of the proper commissions in the several states in which the New Haven Company is incorporated.

There are those who will be inclined to sneer at the protection afforded by Utilities Commissions. These commissions in some cases leave something to be desired. Frequently they lean toward the railroad or other public service.

Nevertheless the New Haven could not have been ruined had it, during its past ten years, been subject to such supervision as is now proposed.

The wreckers did their work under the color of innocent looking legislation, blanket permits, and the injury consisted of a great number of acts done substantially in secret, almost any one of which would have been prevented, in its worst features, by almost any kind of a utilities commission.

The Farmer has frequently explained that the power of the New Haven company to acquire other properties at inflated figures, could hardly have existed unless it had the authority unscrutinized, to issue stock and bonds in vast amounts.

Now that this power has been taken away, it becomes almost if not quite impossible to repeat the past.

It is notable that President Elliott is reported as saying that this proposed law, embodying so many reforms which the railroad has fiercely opposed, is now thought by the directors to be the best thing for it.

In other words, the company will be better able to raise money for its pressing needs if there is some guarantee that the money will not be given away, stolen, or wasted.

It is very likely that the views of the directors have been improved by their intercourse with the public authorities of the United States and several New England states, but, crediting them with sincerity, they are in this position:— That The Farmer, any time these eight years has known, and has advocated better what was good for the railroad and its stockholders, than the officers and directors have.

In some further fit of frankness it is to be supposed that Mr. Elliott may go a step further, and admit that those who have been referred to as demagogues, because they demanded protective legislation, were in fact almost the only citizens who had the intelligence and the honesty both to know what was best to do and to demand that it be done.

At least, Mr. Elliott will hardly have the courage, hereafter, to speak of the situation of his company as if it were the fault of government, instead of the fault of the men who have managed the property.

One feature of the bill lacks the distinction of having been advocated by The Farmer. It is that which repeals the provision requiring a majority of the directors to be from Connecticut, and which requires two-thirds of them to reside in New England.

There is some justification for this change. The Connecticut directors did not protect the property. They were there, but the evils occurred. They never showed themselves big enough or strong enough, and, in individual cases were not even honest enough, for the job. There will be few tears for them.

A FORTUNATE DELAY.

THE SUFFRAGISTS of Connecticut were fortunate, perhaps, that their constitutional amendment was not initiated at this time, and should be grateful that their vote showed the satisfactory progress of sentiment in their favor.

The country has entered upon one of these periods of reaction which usually follow times of unusual social progress. For the next two or three years reform measures will make little progress. Had the amendment been initiated at this time, it might reach the people in height of the reactionary period, and might thus have been defeated. Two years of delay are enough to bring the referendum into the next forward movement, when equal suffrage is sure to prevail.

Some one asks what has become of the man who used to take a day off in spring and set out a lot of trees all along the highway? Well, just now he is telephoning to the local authorities to come up and set out a tree that will shade his front porch at public expense.

The White Star liner Megantic arrived at Liverpool after an uneventful trip from New York. A seat on the New York Cotton Exchange was sold for \$11,500, an increase of \$500 over the last previous sale.

THE STANDARD BARREL.

AMONG ITS humbler but useful activities the last Congress fixed the size of a barrel. For all commodities, except cranberries, 7,056 inches constitutes a standard barrel in interstate commerce. Divisions known as third, half and three-quarter barrels are provided for, each a standard and proportional part of the legal barrel, as per the action attached to the name. This standard package is required to be in sole use after July 1, 1916.

The law is a good one. It tends to make competition fair, and enables the customer to know what quantity he is getting. The Congress should further fix a standard for baskets and other containers, so that the market may be more uniform, and a source of unfairness abated.

THE SPRINGFIELD TROLLEY TROUBLE.

THE SETTLEMENT of the Springfield trolley strike will be welcome to all concerned. Undoubtedly the trolley monopoly has most to be grateful for. The time when a trolley car suspension can completely tie up a city is long gone by. Today the number of automobiles that could be hurled into a quick and cheap service is almost uncounted. There would be enough and to spare. For the present the environs of Springfield will not witness the growth of a jitney service that was indicated when difference first arose between the trolley magnates and their men.

WANT TO OUST CLUB
MEMBERS WHO FAIL
TO PAY THEIR DUES

Westogues of Stratford Propose Change in Constitution of Organization.

(Special to The Farmer.) Stratford, April 10.—At the meeting of the Westogues Country club to be held Tuesday evening in their club rooms, a vote will be taken on proposed amendments to the constitution of the club. The first amendment is one making the executive committee a body of 13 members. The second proposes that those who do not pay their dues before June 15, suffer the publicity of having their names posted on the club room walls. A clause in the last amendment provides that those who do not pay before July 1 will be dropped from membership.

The vital statistics for March, as recorded in the office of the town clerk of Stratford show 11 births, six deaths and four marriages.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church has postponed the planned rummage sale until Tuesday, April 28, at 10 o'clock, in the town hall.

The following musical program will be rendered at the 10:45 o'clock service at the Christ Episcopal church Sunday: Processional hymn 110, "Ye Holy Ones"; Venite and Gloria, "Fasti"; Robinson; Te Deum in F, Kottmann; Jubilate, 55, Smith; Introit anthem, "The Lord is Gracious," Ward; Gloria Tibi, 178, Anon; Sermon, Hymn 338, "Arise, O God, and Scatter Thine Enemies," Beethoven; Presentation Sentence, 193, Bourgeois; Recessional Hymn, 121, Victory.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock service the following program will be carried out: Processional Hymn, 115, Rotterdam; Psalm, 146, Onseley; Magnificat in G, Marks; Nunc Dimittis, in the evening, "Gloria," X. H. Hays; St. Ann; Sermon Hymn 122, St. Albans; offertory anthem, "As It Began to Dawn," Harker; Presentation Sentence, 189, Anon; Hymn Benediction, 189, Anon; Stainer; Recessional 121, Victory. The singers for the occasion will be: Sopranos, Misses Nora Hart, Merle Wilcox, Inez Edwards; Mezzos, Misses, Mrs. J. H. Agnes Dorsch, Grace Auffer, Mrs. G. D. Shelton and Mrs. E. H. Reed; tenors, R. H. Smith, Ernest Seaman and G. D. Shelton; basses, F. O. Rhoades and A. W. Buttrick; organist and director, Miss Ruth Bartlett.

At the Congregational church, Dr. E. N. Packard, pastor, will preach Sunday on "The Place of the Religion of Christ in Our Christian Lives." In the evening the subject will be "Messages of the Risen Christ."

Rev. Sherrard Soule of Hartford will give an illustrated Monday night before the Men's club on "The Old Churches of Connecticut." Meeting will be held in the chapel.

The services in Bethany church Sunday morning will commence at 10:30 o'clock with a sermon by the Rev. V. D. Garretson of New York city. The subject for the morning will be "What is the Secret of Billy Sunday's Success?" The Sunday school will meet at the close of the morning service. The Young People's meeting will be held at 8:45 o'clock in the evening, followed by preaching by Rev. Mr. Garretson. Subject of the evening will be "Climbing the Golden Stairs."

At St. James' R. C. church Sunday there will be masses at 8:30 and 10:30 o'clock with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. Michael J. O'Connor.

Stainer's cantata, "The Crucifixion," which was rendered with so much success by the choir of the Methodist church, under the direction of the organist, H. A. Strout, on the evening of Good Friday, will be repeated by request next Sunday evening in place of the regular evening service.

PNEUMONIA FATAL
TO G. M. CLARK,
MERIDEN BANKER

Meriden, April 10.—George M. Clark, president of the Meriden National Bank, died at his home today of pneumonia.

Mr. Clark was a native of Williamstown, at the age of 16 became a clerk in the post office of that city and a year later was appointed teller in the bank of Windham. Fifty years ago he became teller of the Meriden National Bank and for the past 25 years had been its president.

Mr. Clark was born in 1844 and is survived by Mrs. Clark and two children, George S. of Mansfield, and Miss Elizabeth of this city.

England Would Hire Men.

Newark, N. J., April 10.—A private employment bureau here it was learned today, has received urgent requests from several industrial centers of Great Britain for more than 400 men to take the place of workmen who are at the front. The call is for American and British subjects only.

Herman A. Metz
Asks Government
To Act on Embargo

Washington, April 8.—Declaring that the supply of dyestuffs in this country will not last much more than a month, and unless something is done to lift the British embargo on German shipments of such materials to this country more than 2,000,000 people in the United States will be affected by the shutting down of textile mills, Representative Herman A. Metz called at the White House and state department with a delegation to ask for some intervention on the part of the government.

Salvation Army Observes
Birthday of Its Founder

To members of the Salvation Army this day commemorates an important anniversary, for it marks the eighty-sixth birthday of Gen. William Booth, the founder, and, until his death in 1912, the commander of the famous world-wide militant religious organization.

This year will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Salvation Army by Gen. Booth. In its half century existence the army's work has spread to fifty-eight countries and colonies, and is carried on in thirty-four languages. It has nearly 10,000 corps and outposts, and men and women of all colors and conditions are engaged in carrying on its work.

Gen. Booth lived to pass his eighty-third milestone, and he left behind him some precepts for attaining to a hale and hearty old age which are worthy of serious consideration by men of all creeds and of none. His seven rules for longevity and earthly happiness are as follows:

"Eat as little as possible. The average man eats too much. Instead of nourishing his body, he overtaxes it, compelling his stomach to digest more food than it has capacity for."

"Drink plenty of water in preference to adulterated concoctions. Water is wholesome nourishment."

"Be as foolish as you can. It is just as foolish to develop the mind and not the body as it is to develop the body and not the mind. Perform some manual labor daily; dig, walk, chop, if you can take with your whole body, why, then, talk; but do it with all your might."

"Have a system, but do not be a slave of the system. If my hour to sleep is 8 p. m., and at that time I haven't had sufficient sleep, I take longer time."

"Do not fill your life with a lot of silly and sordid pleasures, so that when you come to die you will find you have not really lived."

"Abstain from indulgences which overtax the body and injure not only yourself, but the generations that come after you."

"Have a purpose in life that predominates above all else, that is beneficial to those about you, and not to your own greedy self alone. If there is one thing for which I am glad it is that I have found a purpose which involves not me alone, but all humanity."

These precepts of the founder of the Salvation Army are sustained by the best medical authorities of the day. Eating too much food and drinking too little water are held by progressive physicians to be among the most prolific causes of disease. To "talk with your whole body" is a feat in which the Anglo-Saxon is not proficient.

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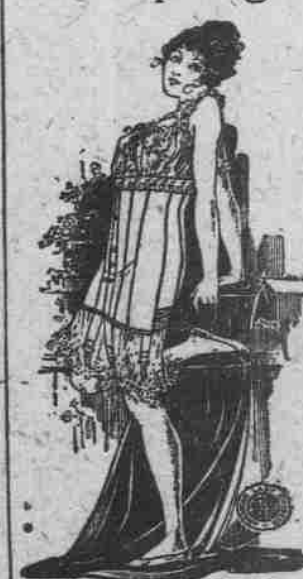
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BUILDING NOTES

Building permits, the aggregate value of which will be \$10,725, were issued by the building commissioner last night. The permits were:

One-story concrete block building for stores on east side of Kosuth street for E. Gellis.

Rear porch on west side of Bunnell street for Edgar W. Brown.

Two-family frame dwelling and store on north side of North avenue for Nancy L. Chichester.

Frame addition to three-family frame dwelling on south side of Winter street for Marie K. Christianson.

Frame private garage on north side of Fairfield avenue for Fred W. Tracy.

Cellar wall on south side of Allen street for the Pease Realty company.

Frame addition and chimney on north side of Hanover street for Emmet L. Barnard and wife.

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